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REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Ip for the courtesy of the telephone interview with Applicants' attorney on December 10, 2003. The above amendments to the claims reflect the substance of that interview.

Claim 1 has been amended to claim the alloy of the invention with more definiteness and to recite the optional inclusion of magnesium and cobalt in the alloy as in original claims 8 and 11.

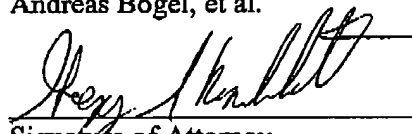
Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to return the claims to the originally filed condition and to correct typographical errors inadvertently introduced into the claims by the amendment dated July 3, 2003.

Claims 55-61 and 63-68 have been canceled.

Based on the telephone interview, Applicants believe that with this amendment all claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner considers that an additional amendment is required to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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